

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SECTO 13107 051616Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 CCO-00 NSCE-00 NEAE-00
CPR-01 /027 W

-----075848 051623Z /44

O 051458Z JAN 78 ZFF-6
FM USDEL SECRETARY IN PARIS
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE
INFO USLO RIYADH IMMEDIATE
SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTO 13107

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO KING KHALID

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER DATED JANUARY 4, 1978 TO KING KHALID.

BEGIN TEXT.

YOUR MAJESTY:
DESPITE THE BRIEFNESS OF MY VISIT TO RIYADH, THERE WAS
NO LACK OF OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE WARMTH OF
TRADITIONAL SAUDI HOSPITALITY. THE COURTESIES
EXTENDED TO ME AND THE MEMBERS OF MY PARTY WERE DEEPLY
APPRECIATED, AND I DEPART YOUR KINGDOM WITH A RENEWED
SENSE OF THE DEEP FRIENDSHIP WHICH BINDS OUR TWO
NATIONS TOGETHER.

OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH VALUABLE
INSIGHTS INTO THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. AS A RESULT OF THESE TALKS, THE UNITED
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SECTO 13107 051616Z

STATES WILL BE BETTER PREPARED TO PLAY A PRODUCTIVE
ROLE IN FACILITATING THE PEACE PROCESS WHICH BEGAN AS
A RESULT OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S HISTORIC INITIATIVE.

PEACE IS NEVER EASILY WON, AND WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS
THAT THE HOSTILITY OF GENERATIONS CAN BE ERASED
OVERNIGHT. BUT THE DEEP COMMITMENT TO PEACE WHICH I

SENSED DURING MY TRIP HAS GIVEN ME RENEWED FAITH
THAT, THROUGH PERSEVERANCE AND GOODWILL BY ALL PARTIES,
PEACE SHALL PREVAIL.

ONE OF THE GREAT ASSETS AVAILABLE TO US IN THIS PROCESS
IS THE DEEP BOND OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL INTEREST
WHICH BINDS OUR TWO NATIONS TOGETHER. THAT RELATION-
SHIP HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER THAN IT IS TODAY, AND
THE PERSONAL TIES DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF THIS
VISIT WILL PROVIDE A NEW DIMENSION TO OUR MUTUAL
RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE FUTURE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL GOLD CHEST
YOU PRESENTED TO ME. YOUR GIFT WILL LONG BE TREASURED
AS A REMEMBRANCE OF MY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, AND THE
FRIENDSHIP SHARED BY US PERSONALLY AND BY OUR COUNTRIES.

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PLEASE
ACCEPT MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED HEALTH
AND HAPPINESS AND THE CONTINUED STRENGTH AND PROGRESS
OF THE PEOPLE OF SAUDI ARABIA.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) JIMMY CARTER

HIS MAJESTY
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 SECTO 13107 051616Z

KHALID IBN ABD AL-AZIZ AL-SAUD
KING OF SAUDI ARABIA

END TEXT.

2. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.
VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SECTO, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978SECTO13107
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780008-0827
Format: TEL
From: SECRETARY PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780196/aaaaddbz.tel
Line Count: 101
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f6cd8be6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3823993
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO KING KHALID
TAGS: OVIP, PDIP, (CARTER, JIMMY), (KHALID, KING)
To: JIDDA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f6cd8be6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014